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NEXT TUESDAY

It is only four days until the general election which is to decide whether the American people shall place the seal of their approval upon one of the most progressive, constructive and patriotic administrations in the history of the country. The reactionary Republican, special interests and jingo elements have done their best, by misrepresentation, abuse and every unfair means, to discredit its sane policies, wise statesmanship and beneficent and far-reaching legislation, but their efforts have utterly failed. The more the people have studied the political situation, the clearer has the conviction dawned upon them that a change of administration at this time would be one of the greatest calamities that could befall our country.

The Republican campaign has been a sore disappointment to its leaders, and a most unusual enthusiasm for Mr. Wilson has been growing, broadening and deepening. Leading educational men, successful manufacturers, well-known inventors, prominent bankers, heads of railroad management, Progressive party leaders, and clear-headed men of independent political thought, have expressed themselves unreservedly for the present administration, and brotherhoods of railroad employes and labor organizations of the various trades have signified their preference for Mr. Wilson. For the first time in thirty-five years the executive officers of the American Federation of Labor have come out openly in a political campaign and advised all labor organizations under its jurisdiction to support Mr. Wilson.

Certain States classed as hide-bound Republican, of course, are expected to support Judge Hughes and the party he represents, but those States classed as doubtful promise to be swept by the onrushing tide of sentiment in favor of Mr. Wilson into the Democratic column and assure his election with a good working majority of Democrats in Congress.

"CONFUSION AND FUTILITY"

In a speech at Long Branch last Saturday President Wilson described the political element back of Judge Hughes as one of "confusion and futility," serving under no single captain, moving in no single direction, with no single or definite purpose in mind. No more graphic description could be given of the organized disorganization that is fighting the administration of President Wilson. There are irreconcilable factions in it, with the faction of which Roosevelt is the inspiration on one side, and the reactionary faction which he denounced in 1912 as "porch climbers" and accused of all the political crimes contained in his vocabulary of expression on the other. It is a contest between these irreconcilable elements as to which shall rule and dominate the Republican party, using Hughes as shuttlecock around whom their battle for party supremacy centers.

With such confusion in his support Judge Hughes does not dare take a manly stand for any clear or definite policy for fear of antagonizing the one or the other. In this he has been a great disappointment to those who so vociferously demanded his nomination. He has failed to measure up to their expectations and has shown himself to be made of very common clay—timid and vacillating, with little or no sincerity, fairness or decency. The ambitious hope of individual success has dulled his scruples of right. Trying to hold with both the reactionary and the radical jingo factions—each of which pretends to control him or expects to use him if unfortunately for the country he should be elected—he has made a sorry spectacle of himself.

These different elements of confusion and divergent aims are taking advantage of the disturbed world conditions to discredit the present administration by abuse, misrepresentation and falsification, because neither has a single sane issue upon which they can agree or appeal for support. All is swallowed up in dire confusion in the mad fight which each is making for party control and supremacy. No wonder President Wilson asks:

"What are we to say of the patriotism of men who take advantage of a crisis of the world, when the for-

tunes of men hang in uncertain balance, when the peace of this great nation can be maintained only by the most thoughtful and considerate means, in order to settle a question of power among themselves? The thing is incredible. The thing is not to be endured by men who love America, and more and more the attention of the country is being concentrated upon the Democratic party and the thoughtful men who are now allying themselves with the Democratic party."

BUSHWHACKING POLITICS

During the Civil war there were "bushwhackers" on both sides of the struggle. They were scattering gangs who concealed themselves in the woods along the roads and fired into any detachment of soldiers on the opposite side that might be marching by, and then skedaddling as fast as their horses could carry them. They were responsible to nobody and neither army would claim responsibility for them.

There is a secret political or religious organization—and religious does not mean Christian, for one may be even fanatically religious without being a Christian—in St. Louis, and we suppose it extends to other cities and out into rural districts to some extent. It has no visible head, only a post-office box where its mail and contributions are received, and it sends out its screeds from a secret burrow. It styles itself the "Independent Voters League," but it is too narrow and prejudiced to entertain an independent, generous thought, too cowardly to fight in the open, and shoots its poisoned and malignant arrows from ambush. It is a bushwhacking political gang and has but one idea—an insane, bigoted hatred of Catholics.

This gang of political freshbooters would have the people believe that it is a powerful organization of far-reaching influence that holds the destinies of political parties in its hands. It also presumes to suggest to free American citizens for whom they should vote, and to candidates that they must show themselves clear of Catholic sentiment or association to secure its support. It sends out a list of candidates of both parties with marks of approval or disapproval to each for the voters' guidance. Those whom it pretends to favor are marked "American;" those upon whom its ban is placed are marked "Romanist" or "Pro-Romanist". The Pro-Romanist, according to its classification, is a member of the Catholic Church, the Romanist is a member of any or no religious organization who may associate with or employ some Catholic in a public or private position. Thus it has placed its ban on President Wilson, who is a Presbyterian, because his private secretary is a Romanist, of Jesuit-training, it claims. In the same fanatical blindness it places its benediction upon Judge Hughes because his private secretary is "a Thirty-second Degree Mason," and hence must be anti-Romanist. It anathematizes Col. Gardner because, it claims, he had a large Catholic support in St. Louis at the primary election, although the Colonel is a prominent communicant of the Protestant Church.

The league's designations of the religious beliefs and leanings of the candidates also are misleading to say the least, even if one were disposed to follow its blind and fanatical leading; but aside from all else, can any organization, secret or otherwise, that flies in the face of one of our nation's most cherished creeds—civil and religious liberty—be a patriotic organization? Are not its adherents, whether they can see it or not, traitors to that principle?

Two of the good strong men on the Democratic county ticket are W. A. Mitchell, candidate for Judge of the County Court in the First district, and F. M. Matkin, candidate for County Judge in the second district. Elect these men and they will look after the interests of the county with good judgment and all matters with which the County Court has to do, and after the interests of the taxpayers as members of the Board of Equalization in seeing that an equitable valuation is placed upon all property and that the taxes are honestly apportioned among all alike.

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY

As a thorough and observant business man Col. Gardner, the Democratic candidate for Governor, saw that one of the great needs of the farmers to make their business successful was a specially State organized and State managed farm loan bank, where farmers could get financial assistance at a low rate of interest on terms to suit their own convenience, with no fear of being closed out because of bad crops or other drawbacks that might keep them from meeting their obligations. He was not a politician or candidate for public office at that time and was not bidding for popular favor, only a disinterested citizen and successful business man who wanted to see the farmers succeed and placed on an equal footing with men in other lines of business in borrowing money to meet their needs, and he devised and constructed a bill for what is known as the Farm Loan Bank. It was enacted into a law by the General Assembly of the State, but because of a restriction of the State Constitution it could not be put into effect. A constitutional amendment, styled on the ticket as the "Second Constitutional Amendment," to remove the constitutional restriction, has been submitted by initiation to be voted on next Tuesday.

Farmers, you can certainly see why you should vote for this amendment, for by so voting you are forwarding your interests; and you need a friend of the Farm Loan Bank at the head of the State government to place the law and the bank into successful operation. Where can you find a better or more capable man for this purpose than Frederick D. Gardner, the author of the Farm Loan Bank bill, who has made a study of the subject in all its bearings, and knows just how to go about the work? The Democratic voters of Missouri nominated him for Governor at the primary, because they knew he would give the State a first-class business administration. Of course you are going to vote for and elect him Governor for in so doing you will be voting for your own interest as well as the general interest of the State.

"The foreign policies of Charles Evans Hughes are and will be controlled by Theodore Roosevelt, who is the arch enemy of Germany, and the friends of the Central Powers cannot expect equity or justice from Mr. Hughes, should he be elected," are the words of Sigmund Zeisler, a German-Austrian and one of the most prominent lawyers of Chicago, in a speech in that city last Saturday.

Every man on the county Democratic ticket is worthy your vote. Keep this in mind when you cast your ballot next Tuesday.

President Wilson aptly describes Colonel Roosevelt, without mentioning his name, as "the vocal element" of the many-sided opposition now masquerading as the Republican party. And he might allude to Judge Hughes as "the echo of the vocal element"—imperfect, it is true, but still an echo.

The right to vote is as much a duty as it is a privilege, and voting is a mark of good citizenship. Ours is a democratic government and every Democrat ought to show his appreciation of the fact by going to the polls next Tuesday and voting for a continuation of Democratic peace, progress and prosperity.

You want a business State administration. You can get it by electing Frederick D. Gardner for Governor. He is an experienced business man who has made a big success in the management of his own business, and he will give his ability, energy and ripe experience to make as great a success of the State's business.

This is one of the most important elections in which the people have ever participated—especially is it important to Democrats. Every Democrat should make sure to go to the polls next Tuesday and vote for the Democratic Presidential electors, for Frederick D. Gardner for Governor, and then on down the ticket to the last name on it. Don't allow anything to keep you from voting, and urge your neighbors and friends to vote for Wilson, peace, progression and prosperity.

There hasn't been much cordiality between Lamm and Dickey since the Dickey contingent refused to allow the Lammies any voice in selecting the chairman of the Republican State Committee, and now it is reported that Dickey's friends are trying to trade Lamm votes for Reed votes—that is, that Republican votes will be diverted from Lamm to Gardner for any Democrats that may switch from Reed to Dickey. If Dickey hadn't been heralded in the Republican campaign book as of the "Mark Hanna" type, such a suspicion would hardly have been entertained—but it won't go. This is a campaign in which every Democrat in the State who goes to the polls will vote for both Senator Reed and Col. Gardner. They are highly satisfied with each and are not in a trading or scratching humor.

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To the Voters of the 27th Judicial Circuit:
I am asking at your hands a second term for the office of Circuit Judge. Your help will be much appreciated. Thankful for past favors, I remain, Friendly yours,
PETER H. HUCK.

The Democratic county ticket is a good one from top to bottom, and it represents very evenly different sections of the county. You will make no mistake in voting it straight.

With such a ticket as the Democrats have put forward for county officers every man on the ticket ought to be elected, and we are backing our judgment that every one will pull through with votes to spare.

Judge Hughes says that when he sent his telegram to Col. Roosevelt endorsing the Colonel's Lewistown speech scoring Germany and the "hyphenates", he hadn't read the speech. With that as well as his other campaign utterances, the Judge appeared to be "going it blind". It was labeled "Teddy" and he thought he had to swallow it.

Walter L. Hensley has made good in Congress and should be returned, for such experienced men as he is in national legislation are needed there. And you laboring men of the Lead Belt, you need such men in Congress. His support of the measures recommended by your labor organizations should appeal to you in a peculiar sense. His defeat would mean your loss of a working friend in Congress. See that he gets your votes.

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